

Soaring victory
The College holds off a late charge from Towson to preserve a 27-22 win.
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Contract decision to come in '08

Rector Michael Powell's e-mail asks for student input for decision on Nichol

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
Flat Hat News Editor

College President Gene Nichol's future will be decided this spring, and students have the opportunity to provide input, according to a college-wide e-mail penned by Michael Powell, rector of the College's Board of Visitors.

Nichol's contract expires June 30, and Powell said he has received numerous inquiries about whether or not the BOV would renew the presidency. Powell said that the BOV has a rigid review process, which will be implemented in the coming months.



FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT
Gene Nichol

"Pursuant to the terms of the President's contract, the review will examine achievements as measured against goals and objectives presented by the President to the Board as well as other metrics," Powell wrote. "Additionally, our appraisal will include a 360 degree review, which is a feature of the best appraisal systems. Once this process is complete and we discuss the matter with the President, a final decision will be made solely on the best interest of the College."

Powell also said that the BOV has established an e-mail account — BOVEvaluation@wm.edu — for public input.

Powell emphasized, however, that the decision was "not a public referendum."

"There is no purpose served by petitions or mass volume mailings," he wrote. "We will give consideration to thoughtful, well-reasoned and respectfully expressed opinions."

While Nichol's fate remains unknown, Powell said that the BOV will continue to support his efforts.

"President Nichol remains the leader of this College and he has our support as we collectively tackle challenges and chart the course of the future of [the College]."

In a written statement, Nichol said that he supported the BOV's method of review.

"I think the formal review the Board will undertake is a good idea and I fully embrace this process. I believe that it will be a positive one for both me and the greater [College] community."

Nichol's tenure has been heavily scrutinized since his decision to remove a cross from the Wren Chapel last October. Bruton Parish Church lent the cross to the College in 1931 while it renovated its facilities, and it remained on permanent display until last year.

While critics charged him with anti-Christian secularism, Nichol maintained that he made the decision to make the Chapel "more

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State reduces cut to 6.25%

By **MORGAN FIGA**
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Yesterday Gov. Tim Kaine announced \$300 million in cuts across Virginia, including a 6.25 percent cut from the state portion of the College's budget, in order to make up for the state's \$641 million budget shortfall.

According to an e-mail Col-

lege President Gene Nichol sent last night to students, faculty and staff, the 6.25 percent reduction, which amounts to over \$3 million, will hurt the College, but no layoffs will occur.

In the e-mail, Nichol wrote that the College is now looking into cutting aspects of the budget that will have the least affect on the College's "core academic

mission."

A memo from Vice President of Financial Affairs Sam Jones that was attached to the e-mail said that the College was now revising its spending reduction plan. The College had been told in September to expect a budget cut in state funds of 7.5 percent, or \$3.6 million.

"[This] is not the much small-

er and less painful request for which we've hoped and worked," Nichol wrote in his e-mail.

He added that he would continue to ask the governor to make higher education a priority as the 2008 budget is planned. Both Nichol and Jones said that the Faculty University Priorities

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ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT

After hours at the Caf, Kelly Huvnerberg '08 packages the meals that Campus Kitchens made to deliver to the needy around Williamsburg today.

Students make meals for charity

Student volunteers start a chapter of Campus Kitchens at the College

By **ANGELA COTA**
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Campus Kitchens will make and distribute 117 meals a week to needy people in the Williamsburg area. The College's chapter of the charity, started this year, takes surplus food from local donors to make meals to deliver to Avalon, the Blayton Building and three low-income housing projects — Katherine Circle Apartments, Sylvia Brown Apartments and Mimosa Woods Apartments.

"Since Williamsburg is a tourist town, the image is kind

of glossed over, but hunger and homelessness is an issue here as much as anywhere else," Campus Coordinator Jessica Kim '10 said. "Williamsburg does not have a homeless shelter, so homeless people really don't have anywhere to go."

Campus Kitchens is a national organization that takes extra food from donors and redistributes it to the needy. The College's chapter's kitchen is located at the Commons Dining Hall, the location that Dining Services provided Campus Kitchens with to store food and

make meals.

Members of Campus Kitchens meet behind the Commons from 8 to 10 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays to make the meals and package them into individual clamshell containers. They then deliver the food between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and between 3 and 5 p.m. Fridays. They are currently getting

food donations from a Trader Joe's in Newport News and a local food pantry, A Gift From Ben.

"Our menus are very much based off of what food we recover that week. We have a store of staple ingredients — pasta, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, etc. — so we can make healthy meals out of what we get. Our

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COURTESY — CAMPUSKITCHENS.ORG

Pep Band expands show

By **JESSICA TAUBMAN**
The Flat Hat

Not as large as a marching band, but with just as much spirit, the William and Mary Pep Band entertains Tribe fans on the field at halftime. Last fall the pep band began scrambling.

"If you watch a show, it is quickly apparent where the 'scrambling' part of the 'scramble band' moniker comes," Kenneth Barry '08 said. "Instead of marching and playing, scramble bands run around in mass chaos while a joke is being read over the stadium microphone. As the joke comes

to an end, the band forms a shape that helps with the punch line and plays a song that is the punch line or is heavily related."

Scrambling is a hit with both students and band members.

"With scrambling, I don't need

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COURTESY PHOTO — PEP BAND

The College's pep band plays in lieu of a marching band during football games.

Website tricks Nichol 'lovers'

By **ELIZA MURPHY**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

If you type ILoveNichol.com into a web browser, you might be surprised by what you find.

Instead of taking viewers to the pro-Nichol website with a similar name, IHeartNichol.com, the site directs viewers to an anti-Nichol website, ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org.

IHeartNichol.com is the main distributor of the IHeartNichol.com buttons. On the buttons, the word "heart" is represented by a heart shape.

"I'd seen the buttons around campus and initially thought that the website was ILoveNichol.com," Joe Luppino-Esposito '08 said. He registered ILoveNichol.com and directed it to ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org. Luppino-Esposito is a Student Assembly senator and the editor-in-chief of The Virginia Informer, a conservative newspaper on campus that has called for Nichol's contract not to be renewed.

Luppino-Esposito, who is unaffiliated with

ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org, says he registered the website on a whim.

"The site ILoveNichol.com was available, and it only cost me a couple of dollars to register," he said. "It seemed like it made sense for someone to show another side of the story."

Luppino-Esposito believes that IHeartNichol.com is centered around love for Nichol and not on concrete facts. By redirecting viewers to ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org, he hopes to give viewers another perspective.

"Now, more than ever, with the review of Nichol going on, students should see both sides," he said.

David Solimini '04, an active participant in the IHeartNichol.com campaign, believes that the creation of ILoveNichol.com is an attempt to undermine the student-run efforts of IHeartNichol.com.

"These anti-Nichol and anti-College activists know hey can't win on the merits of their arguments, so they're resorting to this kind of petty, dirty trick," Solimini wrote in an e-mail to The

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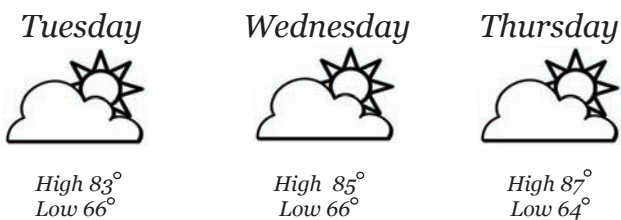
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Quote of the Week

“Since Williamsburg is a tourist town, the image is kind of glossed over, but hunger and homelessness is an issue here as much as anywhere else.”

— Campus Kitchen Coordinator Jessica Kim ’10 on the lack of homeless shelters in Williamsburg
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News in Brief

VIMS fellow briefs U.S. Senate on Bay warming

Virginia Institute of Marine Science fellow Dr. Christopher Pyke briefed the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Wednesday, Sept. 26, regarding the impact of global warming on the Chesapeake Bay according to W&M News.

Pyke is a 1996 graduate of the College and a fellow of the Center for Coastal Resources Management (CCRM) at VIMS. At the meeting, he represented the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC).

“The gist of my message is that climate change will pose a real challenge to the restoration goals of the Chesapeake Bay Program, particularly in the areas of water quality and living resources,” Pyke said.

Busch Gardens Day for W&M students

This Friday, Oct. 5, local theme park Busch Gardens will hold its annual day for students from the College. This year, the ticket price for the first 2,000 students is \$20, after which the price will be \$28. Complimentary parking passes are available for the first 625 students who request one and free shuttles will run from the William & Mary Hall parking lot beginning at 2 p.m. until the park’s closing at 10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from the University Center or Campus Center desks. For more information, call the Student Activities Office at (757) 221-3000.

— By Sarah Hays

By the Numbers

3 millimeters

The thickness of the new organic light-emitting diode television from Sony. The television will be released in Japan for ¥200,000 (\$1,700).

48

The low temperature average for Williamsburg in October. The average high is 71. These temperatures are 11 degrees lower than in September.

1,138 lbs

The weight of a pumpkin that broke a state record at the Virginia State Fair this week. The pumpkin, weighing in at over half a ton, broke the previous record of 200 pounds.

41 percent

The increased probability that girls will graduate from high school if they played interscholastic sports, according to a recent study at Brigham Young University.

80 percent

The unemployment rate in Zimbabwe under President Robert Mugabe, who has been criticized for large-scale human rights violations.

— by Maxim Lott



COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA COMMONS.

Mills College in Ca. underwent a similar campus-wide protest after the decision to become coeducational.

BEYOND THE BURG

Randolph coed move dispute goes to court

Va. Supreme Court to review Randolph College cases in 2008

By ISSHIN TESHIMA
Flat Hat Insight Editor

The Virginia Supreme Court in Richmond announced last week that it would hear two disputes regarding Randolph College’s move to become a coeducational institution this academic year. Both case appeals, which will be heard by the Supreme Court in 2008, were previously dismissed by the Circuit Court of Lynchburg.

One of the cases being heard by the Supreme Court, which has been brought forth by nine students since 2006, involves a breach of contract by the college that promised students four years of education at a women’s college.

The second of the cases was filed by students and donors who argued that by admitting men, the college was violating the wishes of donors who gave to the college expecting to further the education of women in the

liberal arts.

“We continue to feel very confident in our position,” Brenda Edson, a spokeswoman for Randolph College, said. “Our position has always been extensive litigation is not in the best interest of anyone.”

Randolph College, formerly known as Randolph-Macon Women’s College, decided in September of 2006 to focus more on global issues and to become coeducational. In a letter to the Washington Post later that month, Randolph College stated that the decision came about because of a two-and-a-half year research study that concluded that the market for women’s colleges nationwide was decreasing significantly.

However, the idea of coeducation was marked by campus-wide student discontent at the lack of consideration for student opinions shown by board of trustees votes. Ever since the officials presented the idea, the

campus had been marked with numerous rallies, mass requests for transfer transcripts, striking from classes and other protest movements.

“I’m sad. I’m really sad,” sophomore Gabriella Medina said after the decision was made last year. “If we can’t reverse this, I’m going to transfer.”

About 60 colleges that are strictly for women exist nationwide compared to 300 in the 1960s, according to the Women’s College Coalition, a national association of women’s schools. Virginia currently has three other women’s schools: Sweet Briar College, Hollins University and Mary Baldwin College. Out of the three, Hollins and Mary Baldwin admit men into some of their programs.

“I think it’s financially doomed,” Helen McGehee, a 1942 alumna of Randolph College, told the Washington Post last year. “They don’t even have name recognition.”

STREET BEAT

Have you ever been locked out of your room? How did you get in?



I got locked out once last year, so I went in my suite mates’ room and through the bathroom.

Casey Scully ’10



Last year I got locked out a million times. I’d either find an RA or call WMPD because they have a skeleton key.

Lindsay Rubio ’10



Well, I was locked out once earlier this year, and I found my RA to let me back in.

J.B. Akbar ’11



Freshman year I got locked out and I had to go to the basement in my towel to get the key.

Rebecca Gerhardt ’08

— photos and interviews by Emily Hahn

CITY POLICE BEAT

Sept. 27 to Oct. 1

Thursday, Sept. 27 — A white female was arrested on Ireland Street for illegal possession of alcohol. **1**

Friday, Sept. 28 — A black male was arrested for trading stolen property on the 500 block of Scotland Street. The stolen

property being traded was a Raleigh mountain bicycle. **2**

— A white male was arrested for driving under the influence for the second time on the 300 block of Richmond Road. **3**

Monday, Oct. 1 — A black male was arrested for underage possession of alcohol on the intersection of Richmond Road and Boundary Street. **4**

— A white male was arrested on the 700 block of Penniman Road for driving with a suspended license. **5**

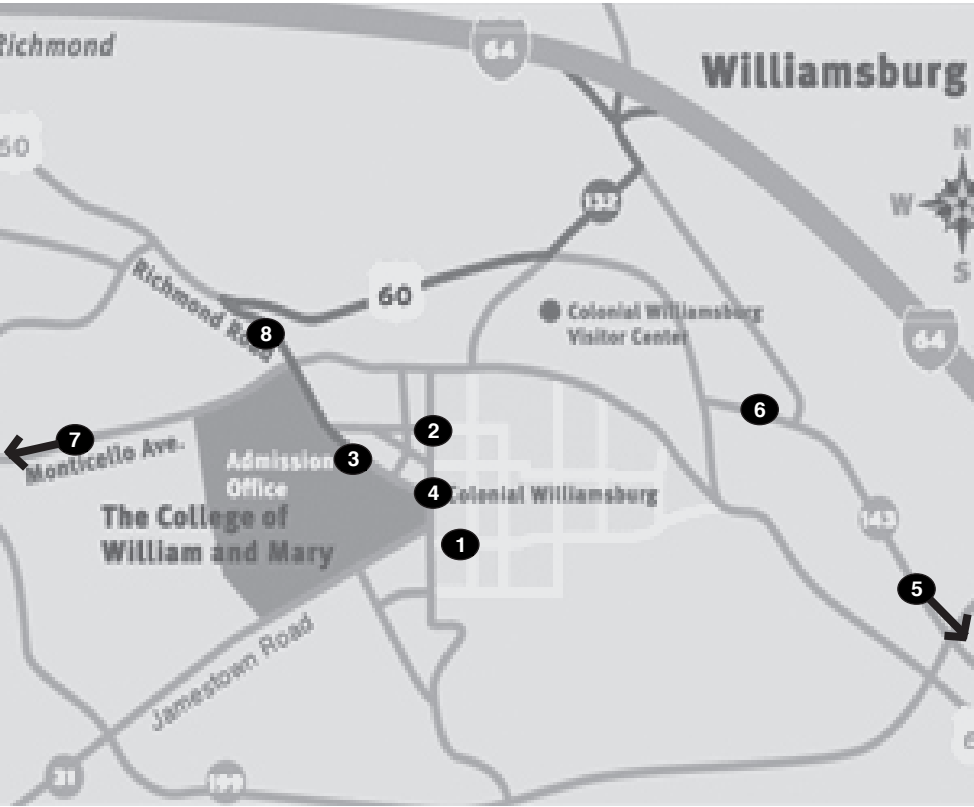
— A white female was arrested on the 1000 block of Bypass Road for driving under the influence. The female was arrested for refusing to submit to a breathalyzer test. **6**

— A vehicle was damaged in a hit and run accident on the 300 block of Richmond Road. No one has been arrested. **3**

— A black male was arrested on the intersection of Monticello Avenue and Ironbound Road for driving under the influence, felony and possession of illegal substances with the intent to distribute. **7**

— A white female was arrested on the 1400 block of Richmond Road for driving with a suspended license. **8**

— Compiled by Isshin Teshima



LAST SEMESTER’S HONOR COUNCIL CASES

| CHARGE | VERDICT | SANCTION |
|--|--|--|
| Cheating, Lying | Guilty (both charges) | 1 Semester Suspension, F in course, recommended counseling |
| Lying | Resigned | Resigned |
| Cheating: Plagiarism | Guilty | 1 Semester Suspension, F in course |
| Cheating, Lying | Guilty (both charges) | 1 Semester contingent dismissal, recommended counseling |
| Cheating | Guilty | 1 Semester contingent dismissal, recommended counseling |
| Cheating | Guilty | 1 Semester contingent dismissal |
| Stealing | Guilty | 1 Semester contigent dismissal, recommended counseling |
| Cheating | Guilty | 1 Semester contigent dismissal, F in course |
| Lying, Stealing, Alcoholic beverage policy | Guilty, Not Guilty, Responsible | Written warning, 15 hours community service, Alcohol ed. program |
| Stealing | Guilty | Permanent Dismissal |
| Lying | Not Guilty | |
| Cheating: Plagiarism | Guilty | Probation, F on assignments |
| Cheating: Plagiarism | Guilty | 1 Semester suspension, F in course |
| Lying, Responsibility for Guests | Not Guilty | |
| Lying | Guilty | 1 Semester contigent dismissal, recommended counseling |
| Lying | Guilty | Written warning, 5 hours community service, Restitution |
| Stealing (2 charges), Lying | Guilty, Not Guilty, Guilty | 1 Semester suspension |
| Lying (3 charges), Failure to comply with directions | Guilty, Guilty, Not Guilty, Not Guilty | 1 Semester suspension, 200 hours community service |
| Lying (3 charges) | Guilty | Written Warning, 8 hours community service |
| Cheating: Plagiarism | Guilty | 1 Semester contingent dismissal, F in course |
| Lying | Not Charged | |
| Lying, Stealing | Resigned | Resigned |
| Cheating: Plagiarism | Guilty | 1 year suspension, F in course |
| Cheating, Lying | Guilty (both charges) | 1 Semester contingent dismissal, recommended counseling |
| Cheating | Guilty | 1 Semester contingent dismissal, community service |
| Cheating: Plagiarism | Guilty | 1 Semester contingent dismissal, F in course, 40 hours community service |
| Cheating | Not Guilty | |
| Cheating | Guilty | 1 Semester contingent dismissal, F in course |

Julia O’Brien: An SA hoax

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Student Assembly President Zach Pilchen ’09 took down the Facebook profile of Julia O’Brien, a fake student that he, Senate Chairman Matt Beato and others created last year.

When asked why the profile had been removed, Pilchen made it clear that the joke was getting old and that O’Brien had served her purpose as a “sociological experiment.” Friend requests from “old men who listed nudism and naturism as interests” also contributed to the decision. “It was getting creepy,” according to Pilchen.

“I guess I just have this weird sociological interest in how Facebook operates,” Pilchen said. “I think it’s interesting how we are so quick to make ‘friends’ with people who aren’t really our friends. I thought I’d just take it another level and make people ‘friends’ with someone who isn’t real.”

O’Brien reportedly had over 450 friends by the time her profile was taken down. Pilchen added that this was not his first fake Facebook profile.

The creation of O’Brien brought campus-wide attention to the role that Facebook, Myspace and other internet communities play in the lives of students at the College.

“I was amazed how many people accepted her friend request without ever having met her,” Pilchen said. “I mean, what does that say about us?”

O’Brien’s profile was made using pictures found in basic search engines, and her information was filled out by Pilchen, who listed nymphomania, nudity and sex as interests and activities for the imaginary freshman.

As incoming freshmen entered the College’s

network, Pilchen and others sent out friend requests from O’Brien’s profile, quickly making O’Brien one of the most prominent members of the Class of 2011 network. The creators were quick to exploit the self-proclaimed nudist’s popularity, using O’Brien’s profile to incite a late-night streaking event in the Sunken Garden.

According to Pilchen, around 100 people attended the event, with most crowding the entrances to the Sunken Garden.

“Everyone had shown up to streak, but they were all too chicken to be the first one,” Pilchen said. “A lot of people were there just to watch, they were all laughing and smiling... finally someone actually started streaking and a few people joined in. It was very funny.”

According to one source who attended the event, chants of “Julia” could be heard in an effort to get O’Brien in the buff. Needless to say, the chants were to no avail. A message from O’Brien’s profile sent prior to the event told attendees, “Don’t puss out on 2011, and 2011 will never puss out on you.”

O’Brien’s presence also permeated into the recent freshmen elections, with a Facebook group announcing her candidacy for Student Assembly Senate. Although she was not on the ballot, over 25 students joined the group.

“Most of the people in that group were in on the joke, they were guys from my frat, people who knew she was a fake,” Pilchen said.

Regardless, the nudist platform that was announced on the group’s page received attention, although by this time, many people were aware that O’Brien was not real.

“We weren’t really secretive about it,” Pilchen said.



SPENCER ATKINSON – THE FLAT HAT

A Facebook group created by Julia O’Brien inspired approx. 15 male students to streak the Sunken Garden.

Under the M C R S C O P E

THREE GORGES DAM: A BLESSING OR AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER?

Ethan Theuerkauf

FLAT HAT SCIENCE COLUMNIST



The world’s largest hydropower dam project could be facing an environmental disaster in the near future if care is not taken to address several serious problems.

The Three Gorges Dam located in Southwestern Asia along the Yangtze River, generates electrical power and protects against flooding of the Yangtze River during the rainy season.

Environmental concerns caused by the Three Gorges Dam include coastal erosion, landslides, siltation, agricultural and fisheries degradation and species loss.

Landslides are one of the biggest threats to the areas surrounding the Three Gorges Dam because of the steep slopes and degradation of the land around the dam. Senior engineer for the dam project, Huang Xuebin, stated that debris that could fall into the dam from a landslide event could raise the water level by dozens of meters, and that this water will cause significant flooding to the surrounding shoreline.

Siltation is another major concern because the dam traps silt that would normally flow through.

Silt scouring gates are employed to remove silt from within 100 meters of the dam, but these are not guaranteed to be effective because they have not been used on a dam the size of the Three Gorges.

The relatively low flow velocity of water moving through the dam may also cause increased siltation problems because it offers more time for the silt to settle out and build up.

Agricultural production may also be adversely affected by the Three Gorges Dam. Silt is one of the main methods of carrying nutrients downstream to farmland, and if silt flow is stopped by the dam, it is likely that agricultural production will decrease due to a lack of nutrients.

Almost all dams create erosional problems for the surrounding coastline. If erosion occurs at the Three Gorges Dam it could be devastating for China’s coastal towns, but the Chinese government is not currently projecting that the high rate of silt-

ation will have this effect.

Species loss in the dam area may be quite drastic. At least three major species are guaranteed to be negatively affected by the dam construction — the endangered Siberian crane, the Yangtze sturgeon and the Yangtze freshwater dolphin. Around one-half of the total population of Siberian cranes lives in the Three Gorges at the low stand of the Yangtze River. The cranes eat aquatic weeds that grow on the bottom, but as the water gets deeper in the Three Gorges area, the cranes may no longer be able to feed on the weeds.

According to the International Rivers Network, hundreds of factories, mines and waste dumps were submerged during the construction of the dam, which is leading to major pollution problems in the Yangtze River and its tributaries. Massive industrial centers upstream are also contributing to pollution problems.

During the five-month rainy season, the water levels in the dam are lowered to prevent flooding, which creates a bog of effluent silt and industrial pollutants. This bog creates a breeding ground for flies, mosquitoes, bacteria and parasites, which pose serious risks to human health.

The East China Sea was also adversely affected by the construction of the Three Gorges Dam. A decline in freshwater and increase in sediments reaching the East China Sea may cause total annual catches to be reduced by approximately one million tons. Sediment losses are also badly eroding the Yangtze River delta and the tidal wetlands.

The potential for the Three Gorges Dam to create serious environmental degradation has been addressed by several groups and people, including Wang Xiaofeng, the director of the administrative office that is in charge of building the dam.

“We absolutely cannot relax our guard against ecological and environmental security problems sparked by the Three Gorges Project,” Xiaofeng said in an interview with the Xinhua news agency.

The Three Gorges Dam demonstrates the tradeoff between creating an infrastructure that will be able to generate enough electricity to power China into the 21st century and the environmental and ecological devastation that can occur as a result of constructing such an expansive and invasive structure.

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Nichol decision set for next spring

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welcoming to students, faculty, staff and visitors of all faiths.”

The decision put Nichol — and the College — in the national spotlight, drawing attention from politicians and pundits such as former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and conservative author Dinish D’Souza. D’Souza, who disagreed with Nichol’s decision, debated the issue last March with Religious Studies Professor David Holmes in the Wren Chapel.

The decision also led to the withdrawal of a \$12 million donation to the College, believed to have been

made by alumnus James McGlothlin ’62, J.D. ’64. While the on-campus reaction remained largely ambivalent, protests and support for Nichol’s decision gained prominence on the internet. Vince Haley ’88 formed savethewrencross.org to protest the decision, calling for the cross’s permanent reinstatement, accruing over 10,000 signatures from students, alumni and their supporters. Another website, shouldnicholberemoved.com, also questioned the legitimacy of the cross decision. Those supporting it also voiced their opinion on the web via wmfightsback.blogspot.com. The controversy ended with

a compromise last March when the Committee on Religion in a Public University — a 14-member committee formed by Nichol — returned the cross as a historic symbol, placing it in a glass case along the Chapel’s north wall.

Whether or not Nichol has survived the controversy remains to be seen, but his last Friday’s statement may indicate that he hopes to start a new term come August.

“Life at the College will continue full-speed ahead from football to fundraising. I look forward to the review and I hope to be president of this wonderful institution for a long time.”

Pep Band increases involvement

BAND from page 1

to know anything about marching, because I just get to run around, chase people and do all sorts of crazy things on the field, Ben Bromley ’08 said.

Due to the hard work that the band members put into developing their scrambling routines, the organization Friends of the William and Mary Pep Band created a scholarship to reward outstanding band members.

“All of the halftime shows that we put on are products of the creativity of the members of the band. This requires a huge time commitment behind the scenes. These scholarships will help to reward and publicly acknowledge this hard work,” Barry said.

In order to receive a scholarship, band members must first be nominated by a peer. If the student accepts the nomination, then he submits a statement that explains his involvement with pep band. Statements will then be reviewed by the FWMPB

board and recipients will be selected.

According to the pep band’s website, in 1995 the College’s marching band was comprised of just 30 members. It was disbanded due to indifference on the part of faculty and students, and downsized to the current pep band.

Eager to play, pep band members worked with Tribe Athletics, student government and college administrators to create performance opportunities. The pep band played in the stands until spring 2006, at which point they were no longer satisfied with being stuck in the bleachers.

“Football games just are not the same without our getting on the field. I was ecstatic when I found out we would be doing a halftime show,” Dani Derringer ’09 said. “For the alumni who want a marching band, we play music on the field. For people who do not miss themed music played while marching intricate drills, we have a comedic script. The pep band is about bringing school spirit to athletic events and having fun.”

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Budget cuts change

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Committee, along with the presidents and deans of the College, is now going to try to find the best way to deal with the budget cuts.

Nichol said that they would have to look at new hiring practices and other expenditures.

In addition, Jones said that a 5 percent reduction in Virginia maintenance reserve appropriations would also affect some facilities maintenance projects, such as roof repairs.

“At this point, the College’s hiring review process remains in place until we have accumulated sufficient savings so that, when combined with other budget reduction actions, we have reached the required \$3 million target,” Jones wrote in his memo.

Jones added that if state budget reductions continue in the future, it may affect the budget recommendations that the Finance Office makes to the College’s Board of Visitors for the 2008-2009 fiscal year in the spring. As of printing time, it was not clear how the state budgets of other higher education institutions will be affected.

Anti-Nichol website redirects users

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Flat Hat. Christina Hoffman ’09, who is involved in the IHeartNichol.com campaign, said she is upset that Should-

NicholBeRenewed.org will-ingly misdirects students. But Hoffman does not believe that viewers directed to ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org from ILoveNichol.com will

accidentally sign the petition against the renewal of Nichol’s presidency. “William and Mary students are too smart for that,” she said.

Students make meals for city’s poor

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meals have to have four basic components — protein, starch,

fruit or vegetable and a dessert,” Kim said. “It’s very much a creative process; we can experiment around with different recipes.”

Volunteers drop off all the meals for Avalon and the Blayton Building at once, but at apartments, they have individual apartment rooms to which they deliver meals.

“We go up to the door and knock and give them the meal. We also try to have a good conversation with them too – getting to know the people we are helping will help us understand their situations and learn how best we can help them,” Kim said.

Kim interned with Campus Kitchens last year in their office in D.C. She had met two of the people who worked there when Robert Egger, found of the national Campus Kitchens Project and D.C. Central Kitchen, its parent organization, came to the College to speak last October.

Kim lives in northern Virginia, so when she heard about Campus Kitchens, she asked to work in their D.C. office.

“When I was working there I found there was a senior already trying to get a Campus Kitchen on campus, and they got me in touch with her,” she said. “We were both really interested in helping solve the hunger problem in our area with the abundant resources of our campus and community.”

The national program includes

plans for universities to institute a culinary school for the needy.

“We will be tweaking our operations as we find out what works and what does not. It’s a very hands-on process with a lot of planning and organization involved, and because each school with a Campus Kitchen is unique, each program is a bit different,” Kim said. “The Culinary Job Training program is something we may set up after we stabilize our basic meal preparation and delivery operations. It would be great if we could get that started before the end of this school year, but we don’t have any concrete plans for that yet.”

Those interested may attend Campus Kitchens’ kickoff event tomorrow from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center Chesapeake Room C. They will present their organization, recognize some of their supporters and have a food-centered interactive activity.


“This is a great project and people can commit as much time as they want to it,” Kim said. “We are planning on working with the other campus groups that try to raise awareness of hunger problems as well as general service organizations. We make a difference in our immediate community of Williamsburg that has given us so much, and I think that the students here will respond well to that.”

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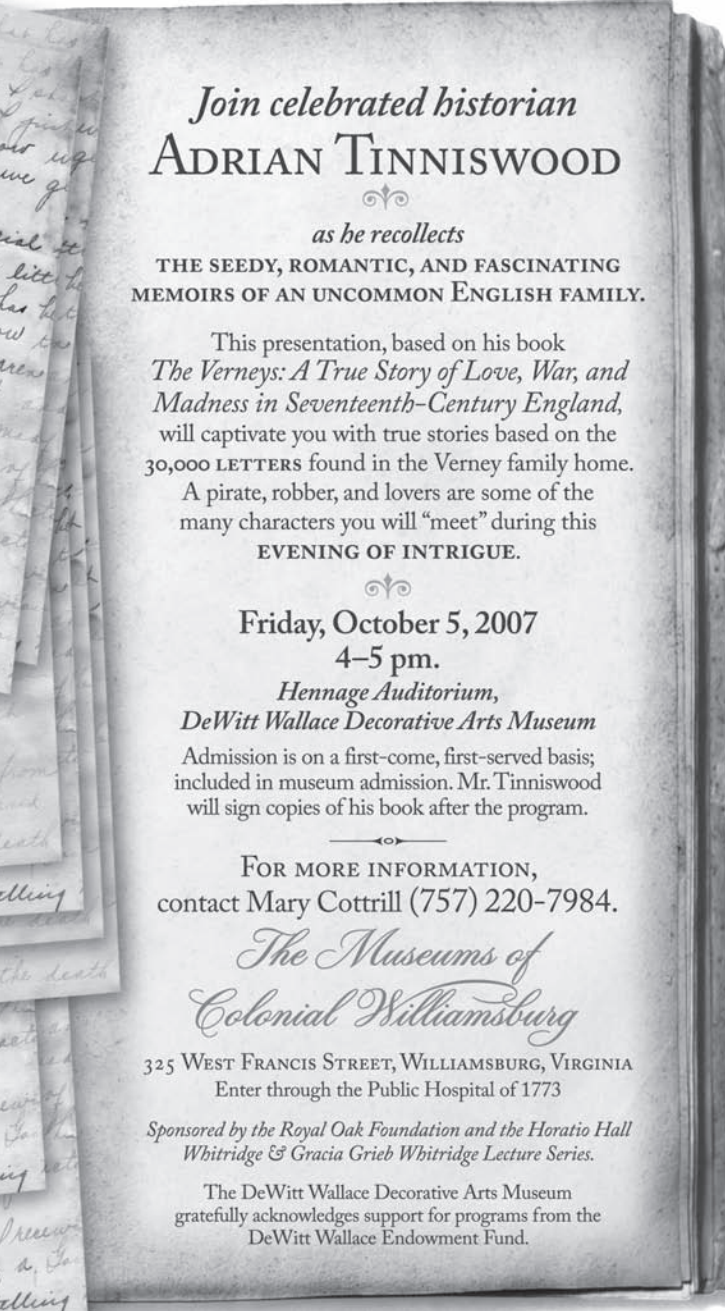
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OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

Renew Nichol’s contract

Rector Michael Powell’s e-mail last Friday informed the College community that the Board of Visitors will reach a decision on whether to extend College President Gene Nichol’s contract this spring. The e-mail came as somewhat of a surprise, and seems to provide ominous undertones for Nichol, who has experienced a turbulent tenure as president, largely as a result of the Wren cross controversy.

Despite his difficulties over the past year, Nichol merits a short contract extension from the BOV. It has always been this editorial board’s stance that Nichol acted irresponsibly in removing the Wren

cross without consulting the College community, but we do not believe that he has done anything so egregious as to warrant losing his job. He brings several positive attributes to the College. He has

made our school a more inclusive environment by extending efforts to provide education to those who could not otherwise afford it. He is generally well liked by students and is a visible and affable campus figure, often roaming the sidelines of Zable Stadium chatting with students and visitors.

Popularity alone should not save Nichol. As president of the College, Nichol is fundraiser-in-chief, in charge of advancing the financial well-being of the College. This past year, the College notched an encouraging endowment growth compared to previous fiscal years. In his third year as College president, Nichol has updated his role by passing off some of

the day-to-day management of the College to Provost Geoffrey Feiss, focusing instead on fundraising and alumni relations. This power reconfiguration is an essential step toward ensuring that Nichol avoids micromanaging, which leads to mistakes like last year’s Wren cross debacle.

Some may argue that Nichol waited too long to redefine his role. However, as a newcomer to the College whose only previous ties were three years as a law professor in the 1980s, it was important for Nichol to learn the lay of the land, meet students, faculty and alumni and establish

the general relationship with the College that is vital as president. This doesn’t excuse lackluster fundraising efforts, but the BOV would be unwise to release him just as he has gotten his feet wet and begun promising efforts to improve the

financial situation of the College. The BOV is likely to receive a host of submissions from concerned students, alumni and parents regarding Nichol’s contract. The future of the College is at stake, and the decision is not one to be taken lightly. But it is also not a decision that should be based upon one misstep. A compromise has been reached on the Wren cross issue that is suitable for all parties, and it seems that Nichol has moved forward and expanded his money-raising campaigns. A second term for Nichol would allow him to continue with these efforts and display fundraising leadership to match the devotion he has shown for the College.

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The Flat Hat welcomes submissions to the Opinions section. Letters to the Editor and Opinions columns are due at 5 p.m. Sunday for publication the following Tuesday and at 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced, and must include the author’s name, telephone number and any relevant titles or affiliations with campus or national groups. Letters may be no more than 300 words; columns may be no more than 700 words. Letters must be e-mailed to opinions@flathatnews.com. The Flat Hat reserves the right to edit all material. Because of space limitations, The Flat Hat may not publish all submissions. The Flat Hat Editorial Board meets before each issue to discuss the position taken by editorials. Unsigned editorials are written by a designated member of the Editorial Board. All Board editorials reflect the consensus of the Editorial Board. Letters, columns, graphics and cartoons reflect the view of the author only.

In support of Nichol

Max Fisher

FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



It seems a little ridiculous to discuss the renewal of College President Gene Nichol’s contract as if there existed any legitimate debate about the quality of his tenure.

In his first two years, he started the Gateway Initiative, a ground-breaking program that allows the College to foster greater racial and social diversity without compromising its rigorous admissions standards. He publicly defended student rights as members of the Williamsburg community, especially with regards to voting. He recruited Sandra Day O’Connor to replace humiliating former Chancellor Henry Kissinger. O’Connor has been ranked among the top 10 most powerful women in America by several widely read magazines. And, most recently, he increased the College’s financial holdings by about 20 percent in a single year.

And yet, the issue of Nichol’s renewal has become so contentious that Board of Visitor’s Rector Michael Powell created an e-mail account dedicated to hearing arguments. A handful of websites have sprung up for the sole purpose of defending or attacking Nichol. On the attack is the alumni-run shouldnicholberenewed.org, which launched in reaction to the moving of the Wren cross. Two websites have since launched in defense: the student-run iheartnichol.com and the jointly student- and alumni-run wmfightback.blogspot.com.

So what’s all the fighting about? Despite the ear-shattering pitch of Nichol’s detractors, there are few of them out there. They are primarily composed of a few very vocal alumni, who have spent months blogging away on their own sites (as well as on flathatnews.com, which has become the unofficial dumping ground for crazed Nichol detractors who are ignored everywhere else), mostly citing Nichol’s weight and physical appearance rather than his actual policies or actions.

Let’s do some rough math to see just how popular or unpopular Nichol really is. shouldnicholberenewed.org’s petition for Nichol’s contract to not be renewed, which has been open nearly a year, claims 359 alumni signatures. But how many alumni are there who didn’t sign it? The average American life expectancy is 77 years, and students typically graduate at age 22, so there are about 55 years worth of alumni out there. Assuming an average graduating class of 1,000 students (the number is higher now, but has grown over time), that’s 55,000

alumni of the College. This means, according to our rough figures, that about two thirds of one percent of alumni dislike Nichol enough to enter their name into an online petition.

And the supporters? The only pro-renewal petitions I’ve seen have circulated among students, of whom there are about 5,600. Each petition is inevitably signed by hundreds of students (the most recent garnered 370). The Facebook group “Renew Gene Nichol’s Presidency” contains 755 members at the College, or about 13.4 percent of the student body. The number of self-reported students who signed the petition asking Nichol’s contract to not be renewed? 42, barely enough to fill an intro to statistics class.

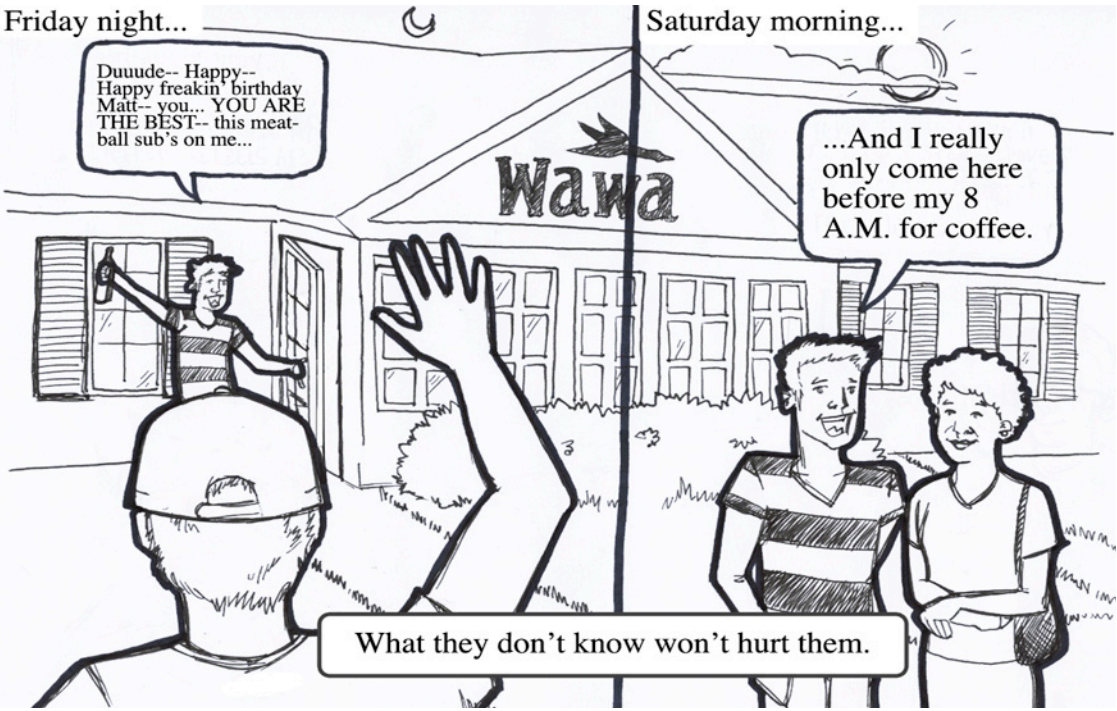
Despite being a part of such a tiny minority, the anti-Nichol militia keeps hammering away at blogs and online discussion boards. I can imagine how it must feel: the College is changing rapidly with the progress Nichol has brought it — its more diverse, more international and its physical campus is expanding into newer and more modern buildings as its reputation and prestige expand across the world. It is no longer the WASPy, preppy, regional university it used to be. The College is evolving, and that means that the school some alumni may

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remember from decades past is disappearing. That change, of course, is what this is really all about. Long after most of the people upset by the Wren cross episode accepted the religion committee’s compromise and went home, this handful of alumni is still angry, and they want Nichol to be punished. Nichol’s accomplishments — diversity, financial holdings and leading the College towards a more global, prestigious identity — are secondary to the desire for Nichol’s punishment. The detractors are, in fact, quite ready to sacrifice all of these things so that their anger may be appeased.

Are these really people whose voices should influence College policy? Are these voices rational? Do they have the interests of the College in mind? Or are they a fringe, a desperate, angry fringe who should have their fair say but never be allowed to slow the progress and growth that Nichol has brought our university? Powell’s e-mail indicated that the BOV is hearing all opinions with regards to Nichol’s contract. This is good; all voices must be given fair say. But if the BOV truly has the interests of the College at heart, as I believe they do, then only the voices of the rational may prevail.

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By VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Facebook data undependable

Joanna Sandager

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



The benefits of Facebook are undeniable. It is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family back home or stalk a cute classmate. It provides hours of procrastination and fun activities to keep you occupied during class, such as poking, groups for Chuck Norris, picture tagging and Pirates vs. Ninjas wars. Depending on what you are looking for, Facebook can help you find someone down for random play and can even be a source for biased and undependable statistical data.

According to a recent collection of data from The Flat Hat, Facebook shows that among the undergraduates at the College who list a political stance, liberals outnumber conservatives more than 2.8 to 1. The classes of 2008 and 2009 are believed to be moving sharply left after the ratio of 2.5 liberals to every conservative rose to approximately 2.8 to 1. However, to suggest that the College has a liberalizing effect on its students based on data retrieved from Facebook is ludicrous. While this data may seem objective and accurate, it is far from reliable.

Facebook data is usually collected within the first 10 minutes of creating a Facebook account. At this point a new member is probably more concerned about what his or her profile picture should be than with how he or she is politically portrayed. The information posted is typically done in haste so the user can post his or her almighty Facebook profile as soon as possible.

Even those who stop to think about who they are ideologically are faced with a slew of choices, which may confuse any non-government major. The words libertarian, apathetic, moderate, liberal

and conservative could be confusing to a 17-year-old who only took a semester of government in high school. Choices here cannot be considered accurate because typical students are not trained to think in those terms. Most of us are raised Democrat, Republican or independent. The terms conservative and liberal are “blanket” terms — they include too many ideologies. Each choice for political views would have to be rigidly defined for students’ responses to be considered accurate.

Despite the vague, blanketing nature of Facebook, political data is undependable because students may be unwilling to disclose their political beliefs. Profiles are visible to all of their friends and members within their network. It is not uncommon for people to change their views based on their audience. Is that not the reason secret ballots are used?

To me, politics has always been regarded as a topic not to be discussed at the dinner table, espe-

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cially around friends one wishes to keep. A social network where billions of users can access someone’s political views isn’t any different.

Whether or not the College has a liberalizing effect on its students is an issue that cannot be determined by data retrieved from Facebook. Facebook was not created for political exchange, but social networking; this makes political information present on student profiles inconsequential. A social network whose members are 10 times more likely to obsess over their relationship status than their political status is hardly a reliable source.

Joanna Sandager is a freshman at the College.

Rather be safe than sorry

Jessica Gallinaro

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



I, like every student at the College, took an honor pledge during orientation. In this pledge, we all promised to uphold the Honor Code. We also promised to behave in a manner that would reflect the upstanding reputation of the College.

With this in mind, it makes any news of robberies and safety violations more horrifying and out of the ordinary than at other universities. We are all spoiled by the environment around us. We leave our backpacks and laptops unattended at Swem. We have our cell phones and room keys save tables at the Caf while we stand in line for our food. It seems all very quaint and similar to “Pleasantville.”

The recent reports of unsecured dorms on campus are especially alarming, as described in the Sept. 18 issue of The Flat Hat. The dorms in question are primarily freshman halls, including Barrett Hall, Taliaferro Hall, Dupont Hall and Yates Hall. As a resident of Barrett, these findings hit me a little closer to home. The fact that certain doors don’t close all the way or can be opened without the use of swiping an ID card and that certain windows can be opened easily by anyone outside is disconcerting. After all, dorms serve as homes for students throughout most of the school year. Security problems like these can cause some, including myself, to feel as though their homes are not a safe place to live.

After reading through the Campus Police Beat, though, it appears that most robberies tend to take place outside dorms. It seems, for instance, that more bikes are reported stolen off racks rather than jewelry from dorm rooms. Similarly, rocking

chairs are stolen right off the Barrett porch, while the television in the Barrett parlor remains in its place. Beyond propped open doors and vulnerable windows, we should be more cautious of things that go beyond the walls of our dorms and other campus buildings.

Students at the College are not stupid. We know that we shouldn’t leave things lying around campus, Colonial Williamsburg or wherever we happen to go. But perhaps we (and, in particular, those living in the dorms reported as unsecured) should be more alert and exercise more caution. Even simple things, such as making sure your bedroom door is locked when you leave or not letting someone you have never seen before into your dorm, make a difference. The last thing Residence Life needs is to be accosted by a mul-

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titude of students complaining about thefts from their room or, even worse, that they themselves have been injured by an intruder.

There is not, and never will be, a completely perfect community in which crime does not exist. We all know this. But in the hustle and bustle of midterm exams, it’s easier to believe that the College and Williamsburg in general come close to that ideal. Looking down Duke of Gloucester Street, you would never think that anything horrible could ever happen here. And, for the most part, you would be right. But remember that taking an extra precaution every now and then never hurts anyone. If anything, it can make things better.

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What’s News— In Business and Finance

Microsoft, Google Vie For Facebook Stakes

The battle between Microsoft and Google over the future of the Internet is about to get even hotter.

Microsoft is in talks with Facebook to purchase up to 5% of the popular social-networking site for as much as \$500 million, a price that would value all of Facebook at \$10 billion or higher, said people familiar with the matter. Microsoft believes a closer relationship with Facebook could give it an important boost in the battle to become the dominant online system for purchasing ads that appear on a multitude of sites. Facebook, which is used by more than 40 million people to set up their own personal Web pages, to communicate with each other and to share photos and videos, has emerged as the poster child for the latest Internet wave.

Google, meanwhile, which has also expressed strong interest in a Facebook stake, remains far ahead of Microsoft in terms of the online-advertising revenue it generates and the number of advertisers and Web publishers that use its systems. One person familiar with the matter says that over one million advertisers now buy ads using Google's system; Microsoft is believed to have only a small fraction of that number.

Facebook has discussed possible ad relationships with Google, said a person familiar with the matter. But an existing Microsoft agreement over serving ads limits Facebook's options.

GM, UAW Reach A Tentative Deal

General Motors and the United Auto Workers announced a tentative agreement on a new national contract that appears to ratify what has for several years been the reality in the U.S. auto industry: that Toyota, not GM or the UAW, now sets the pattern for auto industry labor costs in the U.S. economy.

The tentative agreement, which appeared ready to bring an end to a two-day strike, includes a historic restructuring of GM's obligations for UAW retiree health care and sets up a mechanism for GM to buy out many of its current workers and replace them with new employees at lower wages. Over time, the contract could allow GM to significantly narrow a roughly \$25- to \$30-an-hour labor cost gap between its unionized U.S. operations and non-union U.S. auto plants run by Toyota and other Asian and European auto makers.

GM plans to set up an independent trust for a more-than \$50 billion debt owed to the UAW for retiree health care that the company cannot pay and remain viable. How much GM will contribute to that fund wasn't immediately clear, but could be as much as \$35 billion, people familiar with the bargaining process said.

The UAW has received commitments from GM that it will invest in UAW-represented factories in the U.S., and certain other improvements to retirement benefits.

Job Market Wanes For U.S. Lawyers

A law degree isn't necessarily a license to print money these days.

For graduates of elite law schools, prospects have never been better. Big law firms this year boosted their starting salaries to as high as \$160,000.

But the majority of law-school graduates are suffering from a supply-and-demand imbalance that's suppressing pay and job growth. Graduates who don't score at the top of their class are struggling to find well-paying jobs to make payments on law-school debts that can exceed \$100,000. Some are taking temporary contract work, reviewing documents for as little as \$20 an hour, without benefits. And many are blaming their law schools for failing to warn them about the dark side of the job market.

The legal sector, after more than

Face Off

World-wide unique visitors to online Web properties, in August 2007

| Rank/brand | In millions | Chng. from Aug. 2006 |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1 Google | 561.1 | 20% |
| 2 Microsoft | 525.5 | 4 |
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tripling in inflation-adjusted growth between 1970 and 1987, has grown at an average annual inflation-adjusted rate of 1.2% since 1988, or less than half as fast as the broader economy, according to Commerce Department data.

A ‘Halo’ Enhancer For Microsoft Xbox

Early reviews of “Halo 3,” the third installment of Microsoft's blockbuster shooter game, gave the title one of the highest scores in the history of the sector on the eve of its launch.

The game garnered a 96 on Metacritic, a site that blends game reviews from multiple sources into a single score. Designed exclusively for Microsoft's Xbox gaming platform, “Halo 3” sales were expected to soar past \$200 million on the opening day. More important, the title is also considered a sales booster for the Xbox 360, designed to be a hub for future home-based entertainment.

“Halo 3” gives Xbox 360 a leg up at a time when Sony's rival PlayStation 3 console has fallen short of expectations, in part because of a high price tag and lack of compelling game titles. Sony recently outlined a belated strategy to boost demand for PS3 by working better with third-party publishers to improve its lineup of games.

Amazon Music Store Sells Copiable Songs

Amazon.com launched a much-anticipated digital music store with more than two million songs, all without copy-protection technology. The Web retailer also set song prices that undercut iTunes.

Music bought at the store can be copied to multiple computers, burned onto CDs, and played on most types of PCs and portable devices, including iPods. Songs cost 89 cents to 99 cents each; albums sell for \$5.99 to \$9.99 apiece. Apple's iTunes, which offers some songs without so-called digital rights management technology, charges \$1.29 for DRM-free tracks and \$11.99 for most albums without copying restrictions.

Odds & Ends

U.S. consumer confidence fell to a nearly two-year low in September, weighed down by a softening labor market and worries over volatility in financial markets and a weaker dollar, according to a report from the Conference Board. ... **Apple warned users** they can permanently damage their iPhones by modifying them to work on unauthorized wireless networks, a move that could diminish a potential threat to iPhone partnerships with carriers like AT&T.

By Jay Hershey

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Anyone Can Buy Seats Held by Fan Clubs; Passwords for Sale

By JOSEPH DE AVILA
Stephanie Kendrid, a Los Angeles accountant, could have paid \$29.99 to join Kelly Clarkson's fan club and gain special access to concert tickets. Instead, she placed an ad on Craigslist and paid \$4 for the “presale” password she needed, nabbing a pair of standing-room seats.

For the past few years, many musicians have been rewarding dues-paying fan-club members with access to presale passwords to purchase tickets before they are released to the general public. Now these codes, which can increase your chances of landing prime seats, are being sold on specialized Web sites, eBay and Craigslist.

For many fans, buying passwords online—for anywhere from a few dollars to more than \$20—is an easy way to game the system and get good seats without having to pay to join a club. Sometimes, fans even exchange the codes free among themselves.

‘Beat the System’

Sidestepping the fan clubs, says Ms. Kendrid, is “a great way to beat the system that is ultimately trying to stiff us more and more with each new trick they can think of to get more money out of us.”

UltimatePresales.com sells memberships to gain access to presale passwords for several artists, such as Bon Jovi, the Killers and Beyoncé. A one-day pass for access to codes costs \$5.99; a one-year pass costs \$349.99, the Web site says.

This practice irks fan-club managers, who want to ensure that only fan-club members benefit from the codes. But there appears

to be little they can do to stop the practice, short of expelling members they catch selling the passwords and revoking tickets bought using someone else's code.

A variety of individuals—both novices and professionals—are behind the sale of these codes online, says Larry Peryer, president of UltraStar Entertainment, which manages presale ticketing for artists

Fan Booty

What two musician fan clubs offer their members.

| Artist | Annual fee | What you get | Ticketing policy |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Sting | \$65 for premium-level membership | Access to advance ticket purchases, access to behind the scenes video clips, members-only contests, access to message boards and chat rooms. | Fan club can block access or cancel ticket orders at its discretion if the user is or is associated with a ticket broker, is using automated means to place ticket orders, or exceeds the stated limit on a ticket order. Members may not sell tickets or presale codes purchased or acquired through a fan club presale, contest or sweepstakes. |
| Red Hot Chili Peppers | \$40 for gold-level membership | Member-only merchandise, your own blog space on the fan-club Web site, priority ticketing before the general public, access to message boards and chat rooms, and a Red Hot Chili Pepper baseball cap designed by a fan. | Fan club can block access or cancel ticket orders at its discretion if the user is or is associated with a ticket broker, is using automated means to place ticket orders, or exceeds the stated limit on a ticket order. Members may not sell tickets or presale codes purchased or acquired through a fan club presale, contest or sweepstakes. |

Source: the fan-club Web sites

such as the Rolling Stones, the Police and Sting. It may be a fan-club member trying to make extra money on the side. Or it may be a team of professionals employing an army of collaborators to join multiple fan clubs to gain access to several codes. These professionals may use the codes to buy prime tickets to resell, or may put the codes up for sale on sites such as eBay, Mr. Peryer says.

UltraStar checks its fan-club membership databases to look for red flags, such as people who join several of the fan clubs that it manages or use presale codes to purchase tickets for venues all across the country. Members caught selling their presale codes will be kicked out, Mr. Peryer says—and any tickets bought with a sold password may be revoked.

Besides imposing such penalties, the fan clubs have few other options. Gary Adler, the legal counsel for the National Association of

Ticket Brokers, says he believes that no law exists that prohibits the sale or purchase of these codes.

UltraStar routinely patrols the Web to find which sites are selling their passwords, but this can be tricky, Mr. Peryer says, because sometimes the sale of codes occurs in quick frenzies on sites like Craigslist, and then the sellers disappear. “It's a game of Whac-a-Mole,”

words. For a recent Rolling Stones concert, any person who ordered tickets with a presale password had to pick up the tickets at the venue and present ID that proved fan-club membership, says an executive vice president at Ticketmaster.

Tough as Nails

For most of its concerts, Nine Inch Nails now prints fan-club members' names on their tickets, says Nathan Hubbard, chief executive of Musictoday, a manager of fan clubs. During the concert, those members use a separate entrance where they have to present their tickets, identification and fan-club membership cards.

To penalize members who sell their passwords, many fan clubs terminate memberships and revoke tickets. Last year, tickets for shows in New York and St. Paul, Minn., that were allocated for the Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' fan club were either resold or acquired by scalpers in violation of the club's user policy. As a

result, 800 tickets were canceled for the show in New York, and around 500 in St. Paul, the artist's Web site said.

Not all concertgoers are happy with the tickets they get from their presale passwords. Kurt Liestenfeltz, of Silver Spring, Md., says he has bought unique passwords on Craigslist for \$20 and that the tickets available weren't stellar.

Recently, he bought a password to purchase presale tickets to see the Police perform in Washington, D.C. The only presale seats available were priced at \$228. Mr. Liestenfeltz described them as “pretty good,” but says that for the price, “they weren't fantastic.”

Mr. Liestenfeltz ended up passing on those tickets and bought three tickets during the general sale for \$93 each. The seats weren't good, he says.

Mr. Liestenfeltz hasn't been persuaded to join a fan club. “I didn't see a value in doing that,” he says.

Is It Cool To Travel To Arctic?

By GAUTAM NAIK
Global warming has given rise to a new niche in the booming eco-tourism business: climate tourists.

These visitors seek out places where a long-term warming trend is starting to have a discernible impact. Yet some say there's a big irony in this kind of travel: Any trip by train, plane or cruise ship pumps carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and potentially contributes to the warming of the planet.

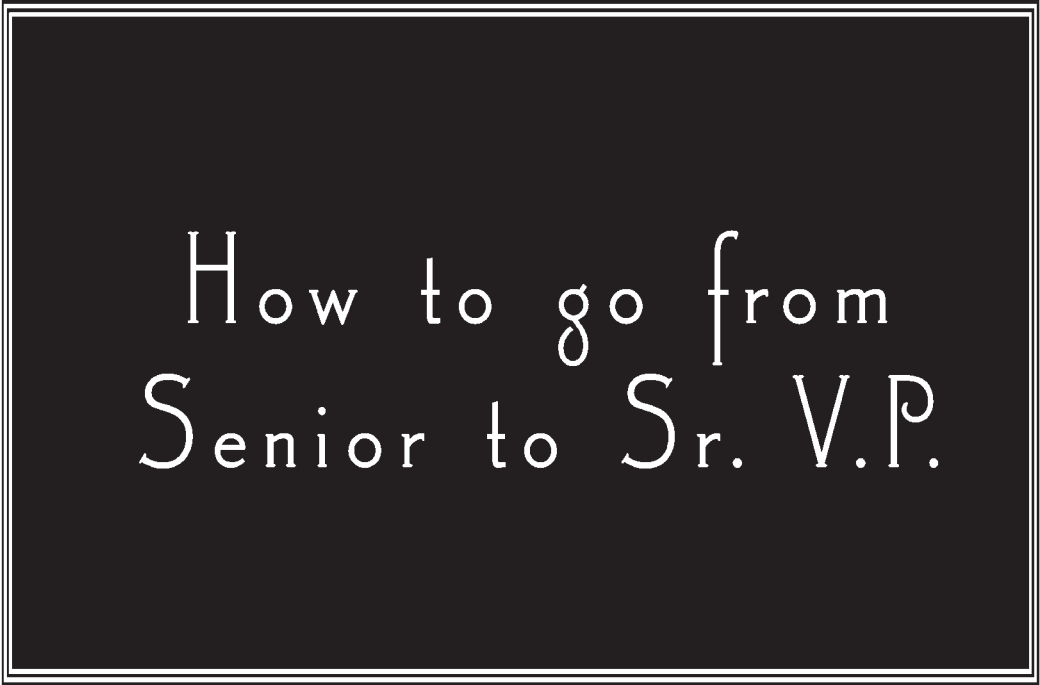
“What's the point of your trip to the Maldives if the end result is that it will be drowned” because emissions from eco-tourists' jets contribute to global warming and rising seas, says Jeff Gazzard of Aviation Environmental Federation, a U.K. group fighting to curtail airplane emissions. The Maldives, a string of islands in the Indian Ocean, sit about three feet above sea level and are at risk if warming effects raise ocean levels.

More than 1.5 million tourists now visit the arctic each year, up from one million in the early 1990s, according to the U.N. Longer and warmer summers keep arctic seas freer of ice floes, so cruise ships can visit places that were once inaccessible—raising other environmental concerns.

Visitors to Norway's Svalbard archipelago, hoping to see new islands that have appeared as the ice sheet retreats, have surged 33% in the past five years to about 80,000 a year. About half arrive on cruise liners. Fragile vegetation on some islands has gotten worn down. There's a higher risk of an oil spill; a new law requires ships on the eastern part of the islands to use marine diesel instead of heavy oil.

Hansruedi Burgener didn't seek out climate tourists—they found him. Last summer, hundreds trekked to his remote hostel-cum-restaurant in the Swiss Alps, because it has a clear view of a mountain called the Eiger. Noting accelerated melting of glacial ice, geologists predicted part of the mountain would soon collapse. To mark the event, Mr. Burgener introduced a coffee-and-schnapps concoction called a “Rockslide.”

“I don't think climate change is good for the environment,” he says. “But it's made the hostel famous, and that's good for me.”



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COURTESY PHOTO — DEVAN BARBER
Members of VOX travel to Richmond last semester to participate in a protest supporting legalized abortion.

VOX raises its voice for sex education

By RACHEL OHM
The Flat Hat

Tonight, William and Mary Voices for Planned Parenthood (VOX), the national affiliate of Planned Parenthood on college campuses, will welcome Megan Rapp to speak on the debate over sex education. Rapp is a policy assistant at the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, a group that advocates for the right to comprehensive sexual education in order to make responsible sexual choices and promote social justice and sexual rights.

The teen pregnancy rate in the United States is currently at its lowest since the 1970s, and virginity pledges — promises that young people make to remain abstinent until marriage — are becoming increasingly popular in schools and communities across the country.

Still, an average of one million U.S. teens become

pregnant every year, and U.S. President George W. Bush has asked Congress for a 33 percent increase in funding for abstinence-only sex education, which would forbid teachers to talk about how contraception works or where to get it.

“I feel like people hear about this issue all the time, but everyone’s experience of sex ed is so varied and many students are angry at that lack of consistency,” Morgan Berman ’08, vice president of VOX, said.

Through political action, VOX seeks to raise public awareness about reproductive rights and educate young people about sexual health. The pro-choice group advocates birth control and has adopted the “Real Sex Ed Saves Lives” campaign of Planned Parenthood, which is where Rapp and her argument for integrated sex education fits.

“Megan will be speaking from a policy perspective, answering questions such as

‘What are people being taught?’ and ‘What are sex ed programs like across the country and especially in Virginia?’” VOX President Devan Barber ’08 said. “The reality is that many kids are getting sexually transmitted diseases and many programs don’t promote safe sex.”

Rapp will address sexuality trends, Virginia STD and pregnancy rates, Virginia sex ed laws and policy and what SIECUS research shows about the effectiveness of both abstinence-only and comprehensive sex education programs.

“The purpose of sex education is to reach out to middle and high school students and prepare them [on how] to react if they choose to be sexually active or how to react when a friend approaches them with a problem regarding sex,” Berman said.

However, VOX seeks to expand sex education and make it applicable to college students. “On the college level, sex education is different, although we still want to tailor to safe sex,” Barber said, adding that tonight’s lecture will provide a more “adult atmosphere” in which students will engage in an understanding of sex education through facts and concrete examples regardless of what they may have been taught in middle or high school.

“SIECUS is wonderfully unbiased and analyzes information about sex education policies in the U.S. through comparison and data,” Berman said.

Tonight’s lecture, which will be held at the University Center Tidewater Room at 7 p.m., is free and open to all students, faculty and any interested members of the community.



COURTESY PHOTO — DANIELLE GARRETT
VOX members educate passersby about emergency contraception.

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For anxiety, HOPE is in sight

By BETSY DOUGERT
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Students feeling stressed over midterms have a unique opportunity to relax at one of the many special events held this week in honor of Mental Health Awareness Week 2007.

The five-day-long series of events is co-sponsored by Health Outreach Peer Educators and the College’s Counseling Center.

Kate McEnerney ’08 is vice president of the Mental Health Branch of HOPE. “It’s a great chance for the campus to continue to talk about mental health,” McEnerney said. “William and Mary students have a deep commitment to our academics, our student organizations, our volunteer work and other activities. We don’t take much time for ourselves. This lack of balance makes for stressed-out students.”

McEnerney added that Mental Health Awareness Week is designed to teach students skills that they can utilize long after this event is over. “We want to help students practice better mental health — a practice that will hopefully become a habit,” she said.

The week kicked off Sunday

with a screening of “A Beautiful Mind” followed by s’mores on the University Center Terrace. Yesterday, free de-stress kits were handed out at the UC and Swem Library. Kelly Crace, Ph.D., also spoke in Lodge 1 on “Making Perfectionism and Procrastination Work for You.”

“We are continuing events students have enjoyed in the past and adding some new ones that we think are really good,” HOPE President Devin Miller ’08 said.

Today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Crim Dell Meadow, there will be a Siesta Fiesta featuring free massages, snacks and a napping area. At 3:15 the Meditation Club will offer a free meditation session. A free yoga class will be offered tonight at 6:15 at the Rec Center.

Tomorrow’s Mental Health Screening Day is the focal point of Mental Health Awareness Week. This nation-wide event is designed to screen for mental disorders and raise awareness across the country. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the UC and the Commons Dining Hall, representatives from the Counseling Center will give free individualized mental health screenings.

“Mental Health Screening Day

is one of my favorites because it gives students immediate face-to-face time with William and Mary counselors,” McEnerney said. “It’s a great opportunity for students to talk about their concerns in an accessible but private atmosphere.”

Paws to Relax, one of the week’s most popular events, will take place Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in front of the UC. Volunteers will bring trained therapy dogs with which students can play and pet.

“My favorite event is Paws to Relax because they bring puppies,” Kim Parker ’08, secretary of Sexual Health for HOPE said. “I’ll be there the whole time.”

Catalina Esguerra ’08 has attended Paws to Relax for the past two years. “I absolutely love dogs. It’s one of those security blanket things that reminds you of home and family,” she said. “Dogs are so friendly. They’re like kids. They’re just happy to be around you, no matter what.”

Mental Health Awareness Week holds greater importance than most College students realize. In spring 2005, 1,750 College students took the College Health Assessment Survey. 54 percent reported sleep-deprivation three to five nights per week, 68 percent reported feeling overwhelmed one to 10 times during the past year, 53 percent reported feelings of hopelessness and 8.9 percent reported having seriously contemplated suicide.

“It’s actually been documented in several studies that people with higher intelligence are more susceptible to disappointments and have a harder time coping with stress and set-backs,” McEnerney said. “William and Mary students, being extremely intelligent, may have difficulty coping with stress, which may lead into other mental health problems, such as severe anxiety and depression.”



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
HOPE member Meredith Deming ’10 hands out de-stress kits at the UC.

Tribe Pride comes in faux fur, too

Dan Piepenbring
CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



This past weekend, with its influx of parents, families and pets, was probably a very lucrative one for area businesses. It’s times like these that give restaurateurs and retailers big dollar signs for irises; if you walk into Target around closing time, I’m sure you could see the manager standing there rubbing his hands together and cackling demonically at the thought of the day’s profits.

It’s all for a good cause, though: Parents help their studious progeny by taking them out for nice, sit-down dinners and buying them all the necessary dorm room comestibles. School supplies abound, too. They also buy a lot of random College-oriented junk, and it’s this junk that piques my interest.

You’re probably well aware that our college’s insignia has been branded, printed, embossed, silk-screened or otherwise festooned on every variety of purchasable good in existence. Shops around town offer more than just College apparel. There are also cups, mugs, stickers, license plate frames, commemorative lithograph plaques, lapel pins, drink koozies (or “foam can huggers”), customizable checks and stationary, wallets, cufflinks, mouse pads, putting cups, sweet hot stone ground tailgate mustard from Barhyte Specialty Foods, teaspoons, plastic cutlery, sterling silver money clips, dog-sized sweatshirts, College label sparkling cider, College label chardonnay, umbrellas, car mats, paperweights, mirrors and a “handsome wood caddy” designed to hold your remote controls. That’s just a smattering of the officially licensed merchandise you can discover out there.

Granted, we might not be as bad as other colleges. Pennsylvania State University, whose student body thoroughly dwarfs our own, sells a rain gauge with the Nittany Lion on it. A Penn State alum can look out the window to check moisture accumulation and simultaneously remind himself: Oh, yeah — I went to Penn State. There are also Penn State golf tees and gloves. In fact, most college shops have a small department devoted entirely to golfing accessories.

Wait. Just checked. Turns out we’ve got College golf tees, too (they come in a four-pack for \$2.99). Best to round things out with a set of College golf balls, too. And don’t forget your golf club head covers, available in faux leather or faux fur.

It’s a sad fact that at least one member of our

class will end up owning a lot of this stuff. It’s a sadder fact that there is such a thing as excessive Tribe Pride — that purchasing, say, an official College Pez dispenser could signal an unhealthy obsession with your school. The motive behind buying things like that is presumably to celebrate your alma mater, to announce to the world that you are a graduate of the College.

Where is the line drawn? It’s seemingly acceptable to drive a car with a College sticker on the back window. But when you get out of that car and wipe your feet on a College doormat, open the front door bedecked with a Wren-shaped knocker, kick off your shoes and put on your College slippers and enjoy a dram of scotch from a College tumbler while petting your dog in his College pet hoodie, is something maybe just a little bit wrong?

The pursuit of collegiate tchotchkes is always entwined with bragging, in a way. Even the innocuous car stickers are intended to advertise your education. Anyone who chances to drive behind you is instantly aware of the fact that you or someone you know is associated with the College. Isn’t this at least mildly pretentious? Attending college is a privilege unto itself; where do we get off forcing other people to notice and appreciate our success, much of which is attributable to plain old luck?

That College Pez dispenser doesn’t actually exist, to my knowledge. I wouldn’t be surprised if it’s available soon, though, along with Wren Building cookie cutters, Jell-O and cake molds, Gene Nichol masks, Sam Sadler action figures, green and gold neon lights, College-themed aquariums and ant farms, duvet covers, golf carts, plastic baggies, hubcaps, tires, infant car seats, some sort of funky contraption that gives your car’s exhaust a green and gold tinge, “handsome wood” grandfather and cuckoo clocks that play the alma mater every hour on the hour, sneeze guards, toolkits, multivitamins, croquet sets, fine china, shower curtains, puzzles, jock straps, luggage, condoms, pocket watches, glasses cases, temporary tattoos, permanent tattoos and the like.

If owning any of these things truly makes a person happy, I’d never want to prevent that happiness. I can’t see how that’s possible, though — the pleasure one gets from using College golf tees must be one of the most empty, ephemeral pleasures around. I guess the big ontological question is: If the golf tees were discontinued tomorrow or if the rain gauge never existed, would anybody care?

Dan Peipenbring is a Confusion Corner columnist. His Gene Nichol bobblehead doll collection is a wobbling reminder of his excessive Tribe Pride.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: TRIBE 2 DELAWARE 1

College takes down two CAA opponents

By JAMES PAGE
The Flat Hat

The 24th-ranked Tribe beat the University of Delaware 2-1 and Drexel University 3-0 this weekend to kick off its CAA schedule; the wins improve the College to 7-3 overall and 2-0 in CAA play.

The Tribe faced Delaware Sunday afternoon, and Delaware's defense kept the College scoreless until the second half despite the Tribe's 16 first-half shots. The game remained close throughout, even after the College went ahead 2-0, with the final outcome up in the air until the final seconds of the game. The Tribe offense kept pressure on Delaware, taking 30 shots including nine on goal, but did not score until junior Claire Zimmeck's header in the 62nd minute of the game. Junior Danielle Collins followed with a goal of her own less than five minutes later, connecting on Meredith Brown's corner kick with a header from five yards.

"I knew we would have to come out strong against Delaware because they are always a tough opponent," Collins said. "From the kickoff I felt like we were really dominating play, and even though it took until the second

half to score, we were creating a ton of opportunities and really controlling the game."

Tribe junior goalkeeper Meghan Walker held back Delaware until striker Caitlyn Germain converted a penalty kick in the 76th minute.

According to Head Coach John Daly, the Tribe did not capitalize on opportunities as much as they could have.

"We created a lot of chances in the second half today that we did not follow through on," Daly said. "It would have made it easier for us if we had followed through on these chances."


The College dominated the Drexel Dragons Friday ,posting a 3-0 victory. Under two minutes into the match, Zimmeck scored off a cross from freshman Mary Jacocks. Collins and sophomore Kellie Jenkins also scored in the match. The Tribe outshot Drexel 21-5 as nine of the College's shots were on goal, while Drexel recorded no shots on goal.

The Tribe's next four games are on the road against conference foes, and this stretch promises to be challenging.

"We have a very tough series ahead," Daly said.

"We've got to tighten up more defensively and hope that we can hold them at bay."

The College begins its road trip this Friday at 7 p.m. when it travels to Hofstra University.



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore midfielder Sarah Quinlan.

CROSS COUNTRY

Tribe goes 2nd, 3rd at Colonial

By HEATHER IRELAND
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Both the men's and women's cross country teams opened their seasons strongly this weekend, finishing second and third respectively at the Colonial Inter-Regional Challenge held at the Eastern State Hospital course.

Coming in third behind two nationally ranked teams — Virginia Tech and Georgetown University — marks a great start to the women's season. Senior Emily Gousen finished fourth, completing the 6-km course in 21 minutes and 28.3 seconds. Virginia Tech's Tasmin Fanning led the Hokies to victory, finishing first ahead of Georgetown's Melissa Grelli.

"It was tough to size up against Virginia Tech's team," junior Emily Arena said, "but I think our girls really stepped up and did a great job competing."

Several of Gousen's teammates also ran well. Sophomore Emily Anderson placed seventh while junior Lynn Morelli took 15th.

"Overall we performed very strongly as a team and it looks like we're in a better place now than we were at this point last year," Gousen said of the women's team. "Unfortunately, some of our top runners had to sit out this weekend due to injuries, but once they are back on their feet we will be able to put forward a much stronger, deeper squad."

On the men's side, the 12th-ranked Tribe fell to 16th-ranked Georgetown as the Hoyas placed six runners in the top 10 finishers with Andrew Bumbalough leading the way. Bumbalough finished two seconds ahead of College senior Ian Fitzgerald who finished with a time of 24:15.3 for 8k. Senior Christo Landry placed third and sophomore Ben Massam finished fifth, with times of 24:19.3 and 24:37.4, respectively.

"This weekend was pretty good for us considering most of us were running our first race of the season," Fitzgerald said. "We have a long season ahead of us and hope to use each meet as a stepping stone on our way to achieving our goals at the end of October and November."

While recognizing that it is early in the season, both the men's and women's teams are preparing to put in the needed work to be able to race effectively and competitively in the championship meets further down the road.

"We are looking as strong as a team as we have ever been," senior David Groff said. "And with the work left to do we are going to be going at it with the best in the country, as we have done in years past."

The top 10 runners from each squad will travel to Terre Haute, Indiana Saturday, Oct. 13 to compete in the Pre-National Invitational, while the remainder of the team will remain in Williamsburg to compete in the Tribe Open.

Football holds off Towson for 27-22 win

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number of deflected passes and stopped the Tigers on fourth down to secure the victory. Even redshirt freshman punter David Miller got in on the action, landing a punt at the Towson one-yard line.

The offense caught the big-play bug as well. Junior quarterback Jake Phillips found junior wide receiver Elliot Mack for the longest touchdown, 61 yards, of his career, and connected on another touchdown to senior wide receiver Joe Nicholas for 38 yards to give the College a lead heading into halftime. The unit recorded three consecutive scoring drives of five, four and three plays just before the half.

Make no mistake, the Tribe did not play a good game statistically or fundamentally. Towson out-gained the College by 138 yards while converting on more third downs and dominating the time of possession, but it wasn't enough, because the Tigers could not match the Tribe's ability to strike quickly and step up when the situation called for it.

That skill has been missing from the College's teams ever since the playoff run of 2004, but with impressive play over the last month, the Tribe has matured and developed into a confident unit that believes it is capable of anything, even recapturing the 2004 team's swagger.

"The last few years we've had a really young team, but the experience definitely helps," Phillips said. "Now we're getting wins and doing well out there, and that builds our overall team confidence."

With the victory, the Tribe stands at 3-2 on the season, which looks pretty good considering that the team won just three games all of last year. Before you get your hopes up, however, remember that the three teams the College defeated in 2006, Liberty University, Virginia Military Institute and Towson, are the same three that the Tribe has beaten this season. Regardless, the CAA had better take notice, because now that their swagger and big-play capability is back, the Tribe is a force to be reckoned with.

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his blazing speed to burn the Tribe defense to the outside on sweeps and tosses. Unable to establish a ground game of their own and already trailing 13-3, it seemed certain that the Tribe would fall even further behind before the half as the Towson offense moved into the red zone.

The turning point of the contest came when senior defensive linemen Sean Lissimore intercepted a Sean Schaefer pass at the Tribe nine-yard line. Jake Phillips and the Tribe offense wasted no time in capitalizing on Schaefer's miscue, as four plays later Jake Phillips connected with junior receiver Elliot Mack for a perfectly executed sixty one yard touchdown strike.

"The touchdown to Mack was textbook. He ran a good route, we had just enough time to get it off, he made a great play on the ball and had enough speed to take it into the end zone," Phillips said.

The 61-yard bomb was a career long reception and pass for both Mack and Phillips, respectively. Moments later, however, the Tribe offense would come up with yet another big play.

After a three and out by the Towson offense, the Tribe started their drive with great field position at the Towson 45-yard line. Three plays later, Jake Phillips demonstrated the quick strike ability of the Tribe offense as he connected for a 38-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Jake Nicholas. The score capped a stretch of 17 unanswered points in a period of only four minutes and 12 seconds for the Tribe.

Towson made things interesting in the second half when Schaefer connected with Demetrius Harrison to draw within five points. However, the Tribe defense stuffed the Towson two-point conversion attempt, preventing the Tigers from drawing within a field goal. The Tribe's defensive stop proved pivotal, as the Tigers were forced to go for six rather than kick a game-tying field goal later in the game.

The Tribe will next go on a two-game road trip, facing off against CAA rivals Villanova University and University of Maine.



JONATHAN SEIDEN — THE FLAT HAT
Freshman Matt Stover high fives junior defensive back David Houff in Saturday's 27-22 victory over Towson.

Padgett returns to Tribe as assistant coach

KYLE PADGETT from page 10

Detroit Tigers organization for three years.

"Scouts don't know shit. They make a ton of mistakes," he said.

While the Marlins organization annually tried to find more utility infielders, they were clinging to other players in the system. In the 2003 draft, the Marlins used their first-round pick to select high school pitcher Jeff Allison who, little did they know, had been abusing the painkiller OxyContin since his junior year at Peabody High in Massachusetts. Things only fell further downhill when he started experimenting with heroin, nearly dying from two overdoses after being drafted. Yet Allison, who forfeited \$250,000 of his \$1.85 million signing bonus for leaving spring training in 2004, remained a Marlins farmhand. In 2005, his last competitive season, he posted a middle of the road 4.18 ERA and 5-4 record for the low-A Greensboro Grasshoppers. Few said it, but his saving grace was a right hand worth over a million dollars to the Marlins.

Big signing bonuses are nothing new for players drafted in the first five rounds of the draft. Former Tribe baseball pitcher and Montreal Expos' 2004 first-round pick Bill Bray commanded a \$1.75 million signing bonus. There was little precedence for the extended time the Marlins retained Allison, keeping him suspended indefinitely. Over the course of several years, it became apparent that the Marlins refused to admit the mistake they had made by drafting an expensive high school pitcher with drug problems. On the other hand, the Marlins had no problem figuring out what to do with Kyle Padgett.

In January, Kyle's phone rang and the man on the other end explained that he would be released. His name was Brian Chattin. As the Marlin's director of player development, he made many personnel decisions within the organization.

He waited four months after the conclusion of the season to inform Kyle he was no longer wanted. It was quick and simple.

"They're guys that have to play in the organization,

they're prospects, and then there are guys to provide depth and back them up," Cossins, who claimed that the decision to release Padgett was beyond his control, said. "At certain points, you just got to let go of some players and keep the numbers correct. That's kind of where [Kyle] fit in."

There were other potential factors involved in Kyle's January release, including the fact that the Marlins shook up their minor league system in mid-December 2006 and sent several managers to coach different affiliates, such as Cossins, who is now with the GCL Marlins. The bottom line remained that Kyle Padgett was unemployed and hopelessly scrambling to play for another affiliated organization less than a few months before spring training started.

"After the initial disappointment, I had a sense of relief," Kyle said of being released. "I wasn't going to have to go back and deal with being dragged around."

Following the Wild Things 7-6 loss in game two of a three-game series against the Traverse City Beach Bums, first baseman Nathan Messner, a 2004 draft pick of the Florida Marlins, told me he's having more fun playing with the Wild Things than any other team.

"In affiliated ball, you're always concerned with what you're doing right and wrong," Messner said. "They almost make you robotic, because you try to please everyone to move up. Here you can just rely on your own abilities."

With a small front office, the Wild Things could also easily communicate with players such as Padgett and Messner. Additionally, once a player signed a contract at the beginning of the season, barring a trade or retirement, it was almost certain he finished the season in the same place.

In July, Kyle said his decision to play in Washington, Penn. put "the love back in the game." For once in his professional career, he was a valued entity given an opportunity to compete in almost every game.

"Being here is probably the best place I can be," he said. "If I was in another MLB organization riding the bench, I'd be in the same mental battle as the Marlins of how much longer do I want to keep playing

baseball." In spite of the charm of the Frontier League, his sights, along with Messner's, were still set on the uncertain realm of affiliated baseball.

When Kyle's batting average plummeted in August, and finally dropped below the Mendoza Line to .199 at the conclusion of the season, any hopes he entertained of being signed this season faded. He told me repeatedly that he needed to put everything in perspective, because it was a long, 96-game season. He couldn't start worrying about affiliated baseball. If he learned anything from his tenure with the Marlins, it's that pro baseball is not a linear affair in which you start at the lowest levels and finish on top. For most, it's a rollercoaster ride that ends abruptly.

In July, with his average hovering around .230, the Wild Things manager told me Kyle needed to work on his consistency at the plate, but that his overall chances of being signed were as good as the next guy's. In late August, as Kyle's average continued to fall, the Wild Things acquired switch hitting shortstop Ryan Bethel from the Evansville Otters, another Frontier League team. It was a personnel move that soured Kyle's once amiable relations with his manager.

"He was telling me during the summer, 'I understand you're struggling, but you're still my guy.' To have him do that, it's just not the way you treat somebody," Kyle said of the trade.

An everyday starter in July, his manager relegated him to the bench as the Wild Things advanced through the Frontier League playoffs in September. His love for the game and for showing up everyday began to wear away after he felt the sting of betrayal.

"I had a falling out with my manager," he said. "When he went in and traded for a shortstop, I was surprised and angry with him."

Ever the optimist, according to Rhymes, Kyle then decided to contact current Tribe baseball coach Frank Leoni and former coach Jim Farr, now a pitching coach at the University of Maryland, about coaching opportunities in the midst of the Wild Things playoff run. Kyle mentioned the possibility of coming back to Washington for another summer, but as the action on the field grew peripheral for him late in the summer,



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Kyle Padgett '05 and Will Rhymes '05.

he decided it was time to call it quits and retire.

While Kyle never played under Leoni at the College, he worked out with the team the past two off seasons and knew the coaching staff and players well. It seemed like a good fit, but the position was full. Kyle considered coaching at the high school level, until a few weeks later, when the spot opened up and Leoni offered him a volunteer assistant coach position.

"I will be here for a least one year, possibly two," he said. "I'd like to get to the point where I can take over a college program and turn them into a powerhouse."

Following his first full week on the job, Padgett said he enjoys working one on one with players on the team, including the seniors, who were freshmen in his last year at the College.

"It definitely felt like it was an opportunity I needed to take advantage of," he said of re-joining the Tribe. "I enjoy Williamsburg, and I'm glad to be back. I learned a lot while playing, and now I want to use that to coach."

Leaping past the Tigers



JONATHAN SEIDEN — THE FLAT HAT

Senior wide receiver Joe Nicholas lunges for the end zone on his 38-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter of the College's 27-22 victory over visiting Towson Saturday.

COMMENTARY

Tribe gets swagger back with victory

Miles Hilder

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Despite a slow start and shaky finish, the Tribe played with a confidence Saturday that has been absent over the past few years, and the team found a way to win against a favored Towson University squad.

The College came out of the gate a step behind as the defense allowed the Tigers to move down the field for scores on three of their opening four possessions. The Tribe could not find a rhythm on offense either, as the College's explosive attack sputtered for just 49 yards in the first quarter. Midway through the second quarter, the Tribe found themselves in a 13-0 hole.

"At the outset of the game we weren't playing real sharp," Head Coach Jimmye Laycock said. "We had a couple drops and weren't running the ball as well as we needed to, but we were able to get it going."

Even though the team never really got firing on all cylinders, the Tribe showcased the one element that has been missing over the last couple years: big-play ability. Saturday the College had it in spades. Sophomore David Caldwell's kickoff return gave the Tribe starting field position at the Towson 15-yard line, while sophomore Sean Lissimore's interception on the Tribe's own 11-yard line killed the Tigers' ensuing drive. Junior Derek Cox recorded two interceptions, while the defense tallied a

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BY THE NUMBERS

Game Stats

TOTAL YARDS

Tribe — 284

Towson — 422

FIRST DOWNS

Tribe — 12

Towson — 24

TIME OF POSSESSION

Tribe — 33:58

Towson — 26:02

Individual Stats

PASSING

Jake Phillips — 10-23, 179 yards, 2 touchdowns, 1 interception

RUSHING

Jake Phillips — 8 carries for 42 yards

Tony Viola — 6 carries for 24 yards, 1 touchdown

RECEIVING

Joe Nicholas — 3 catches for 56 yards, 1 touchdown

Elliot Mack — 1 catch for 61 yards, 1 touchdown

DEFENSE

David Caldwell — 14 tackles

Robert Livingston — 4 deflections

TRIBE PLAYER OF THE GAME

Derek Cox, Defensive Back

The CAA Defensive Player of the Week recorded two interceptions, six tackles and three pass-breakups. His 69 yard return of his second interception set up the Tribe's final touchdown.

GAME STORY

Long pass plays, clutch defensive stops fuel win

By GRAHAM WILLIAMSON
Flat Hat Staff Writer

In a game where their offense's longest scoring drive consisted of only four plays, the Tribe relied on the deep ball to carry them to a narrow 27-22 victory over the Towson University Tigers. Junior quarterback Jake Phillips threw for two scores and junior defensive back Derek Cox picked off a pair of passes as the Tribe rallied from a thirteen-point first-half deficit. The win gave the College a perfect 5-0 all-time record against Towson and a 3-2 overall record for the year.

"I don't think it was real pretty today, but we scraped out a win," Head Coach Jimmye Laycock said. "The fact that we got ourselves back to .500 is important because it gives us some momentum. We're going to need to play better in the future, but this victory is still very satisfying for our players."

Trailing 27-22 with 26 seconds remaining, Towson had a golden opportunity for a last-minute comeback victory. On second down at the Tribe 14 yard-line, the Tigers had three downs to punch it into the

endzone. After two errant attempts on second and third down, Towson quarterback Sean Schaefer dropped back and threw an incomplete pass into Cox's tight coverage at the left front corner of the end zone.

"On the sidelines I told the guys to prepare for the worst case scenario because we might have to go back out there," Cox said. "We get excited about any chance we get to step on the field and make plays."

For the majority of the first half, the Tribe looked lethargic. Expecting Towson to come out with a heavy emphasis on their aerial attack, the Tribe defense found themselves caught off guard by the Towson ground game.

"Coming into the game, Towson hadn't really run the ball well so it wasn't our major focus," Cox said. "We were more worried about putting pressure on Schaefer and disrupting the passing game."

The Towson tailback tandem sliced through the Tribe defense with ease as Nick Williams utilized his bruising running style between the tackles while Matt Castor used

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

MEN'S SOCCER

Stony Brook ends Tribe's 3-match winning streak

The Tribe's three-match win streak ended Saturday as the Stony Brook University Seawolves extended their winning streak to six with the 2-1 win. Junior midfielder Doug McBride gave the Tribe an early lead after scoring off a chip from sophomore Price Thomas in the third minute of play. Stony Brook's Maurice Brown answered back in the 22nd minute of the first half with a goal after a cross from Mahamadou Simpara. Stony Brook continued their surge with a Simpara goal in the first two minutes of the second half. Despite five saves from redshirt freshman goal-keeper Andrew McAdams following the goal, the College could not rally, leaving them with a record of 3-4-2 thus far. The Tribe opens CAA play Friday night at 7 p.m. by hosting Hofstra University.

FIELD HOCKEY

College drops back-to-back conference matches

The College suffered conference losses against no. 18 University of Delaware and Towson University this weekend, losing 4-2 and 3-2 respectively. The Blue Hens got off to a fast start with three unanswered goals. In the 58th minute, junior Katie Broadus took advantage of a penalty corner opportunity, scoring off senior Kim Hedley's assist. Delaware answered in the 62nd minute before Broadus responded with another goal a minute later. Despite Broadus's efforts, the Tribe could not overcome the two-goal deficit. The College continued to struggle against Towson, giving up two goals in the first half. Hedley's second-half goal was not enough, as the Tribe fell to 6-5 on the season.

MEN'S TENNIS

Tribe earns three titles at the Virginia State Open

The Tribe garnered three titles in both singles and doubles at the Virginia State Open this weekend. Junior Dominic Pagon earned one of the titles with a singles championship in the top flight, giving Pagon a 7-1 record on the season. Freshman Ben Wirth had similar success, winning the B-1 Singles title. Pagon teamed up with sophomore Richard Wardell in the B Doubles flight to take the title. The College's 11th-ranked doubles team of senior Alex Cojanu and sophomore Keziel Juneau competed in qualifying singles play yesterday and both lost close matches. The tandem begins doubles play Thursday in the All-American Championships in Tulsa.

—By Jack Pollock

SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S GOLF

10/1 Nittany Lion Invitational
— 8th of 14

SCHEDULE

Tues., Oct. 2 - Fri., Oct. 5

MEN'S TENNIS

All-American Tournament
(Qualifying) *

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Riviera/ITA All-American
Championships **

* Tournament held in Tulsa, Okla.

** Tournament played in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

INSIDE

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Both the men's and women's cross country teams raced at the Colonial Inter-Regional Saturday. See CROSS COUNTRY page 9.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

See how the Tribe fared against CAA foes Delaware and Drexel this weekend. See WOMEN'S SOCCER page 9.

SPORTS FEATURE: PART TWO OF THE KYLE PADGETT STORY

The journey home

After several stops along the way, former Tribe shortstop Kyle Padgett '05 returns to Williamsburg as an assistant coach

By CARL SIEGMUND
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At the conclusion of the Jupiter Hammerheads' 2006 season, manager Tim Cossins filed a report about Kyle Padgett that landed in the hands of higher-ups in the Florida Marlins' organization. He wrote that Kyle was "a knowledgeable player, had good leadership skills, [was] very versatile and a guy that he enjoyed having in the utility infield role."

The clause that sealed Padgett's fate was the last one. From day one in the Gulf Coast League, management viewed him as a utility infielder who could fill in wherever needed, creating scant opportunities for playing time. According to Cossins, the front office made this distinction. Shortly after draft day, Kyle believed he could be pushed along quickly through the minor leagues.

"The Marlins controlled me and had nothing invested in me," Kyle said in July.

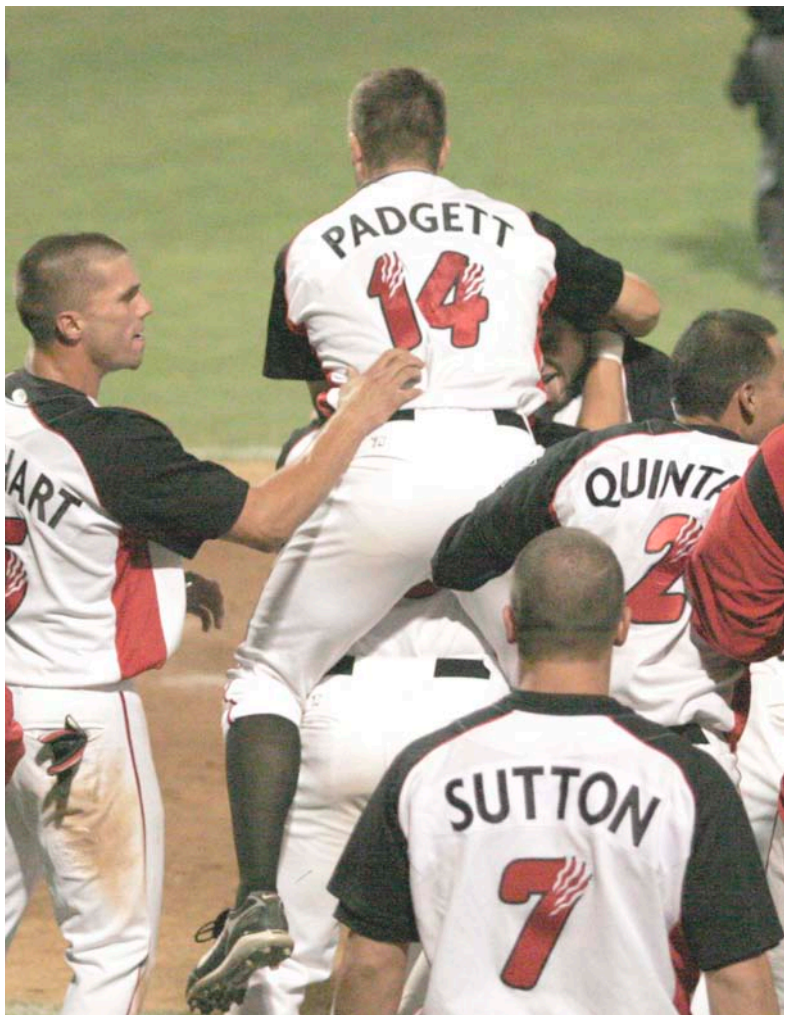
His \$1,000 signing bonus, a pittance in the

baseball business, amounted to nothing more than a common courtesy for college seniors. For the organization, the process was such that if the players did not give them a big return on their money, then they would bring in a new batch of fresh faces the next year.

"In a perfect world, everyone has the same chance to succeed," former Tribe second baseman Will Rhymes '05 said. "But it's not the reality."

Rhymes, who only stands 5' 9" tall and weighs 155 pounds, is a perfect case in point of the potential a lower-round draft pick can possess given a legitimate chance to play in a minor league organization. As the College's second baseman, he batted .413 during his senior year in 2005, but because of his size, garnered almost no attention from professional scouts, and thus was not selected until the 27th round. Now he's been advancing steadily through the

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Kyle Padgett '05 celebrates with his Washington Wild Things teammates.